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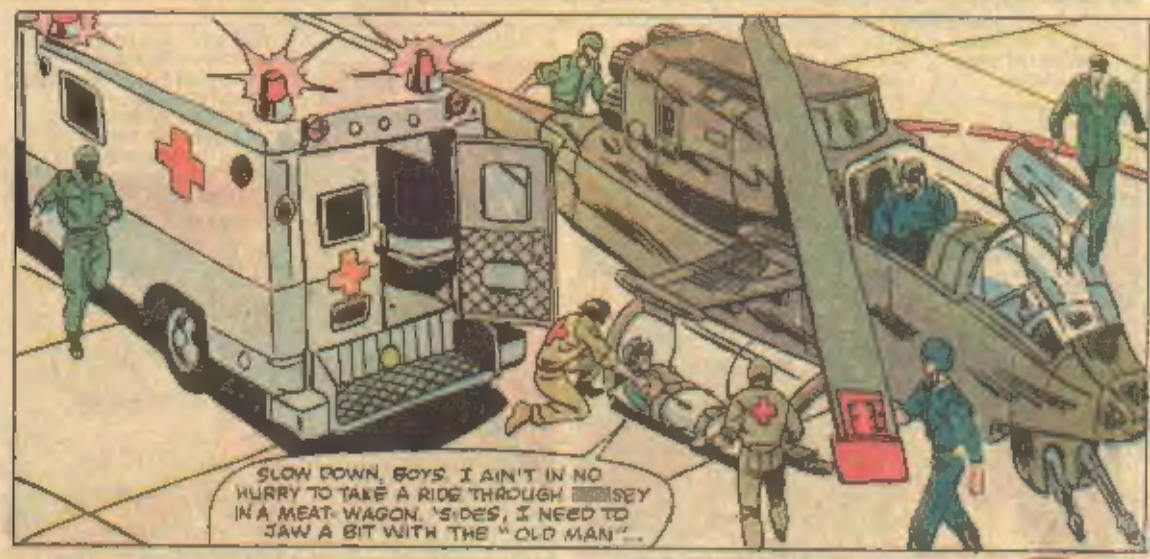
SHUT UP, RIPPER. YOU WOULDN'T RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN MOTHER IF SHE WASN'T WEARING A NAMETAG.
YOU SURE THAT'S THE SAME ONE, BUZZER?
DEAD CERTAIN! THAT'S A DRAGONFLY HELICOPTER WITH G.I. JOE MODIFICATIONS AND MARKINGS. THE BATTLE DAMAGE CORRESPONDS TO CONFIRMED HITS IN FLORIDA.
IF SHE HAD A NAMETAG I'D KNOW 'ER PER SURE!
IN THAT CASE, I'M GOING IN TO CHECK IT OUT.
EH? TARTAN'S GONNA WALK INTO A HIGH SECURITY MILITARY INSTALLATION JUST LIKE THAT?
HEY, EDDY! IS THIS GUY GLOWING AND SHIMMERING OR WHAT?
AP
YOU'D BE SHININ' IN THE SUNLIGHT, TOO.
AP
IF YOU HAD A BIRD-COLONEL'S WORTH OF BRASS HANGIN' OFF YOUR CLASS "A"S!
AT EASE.

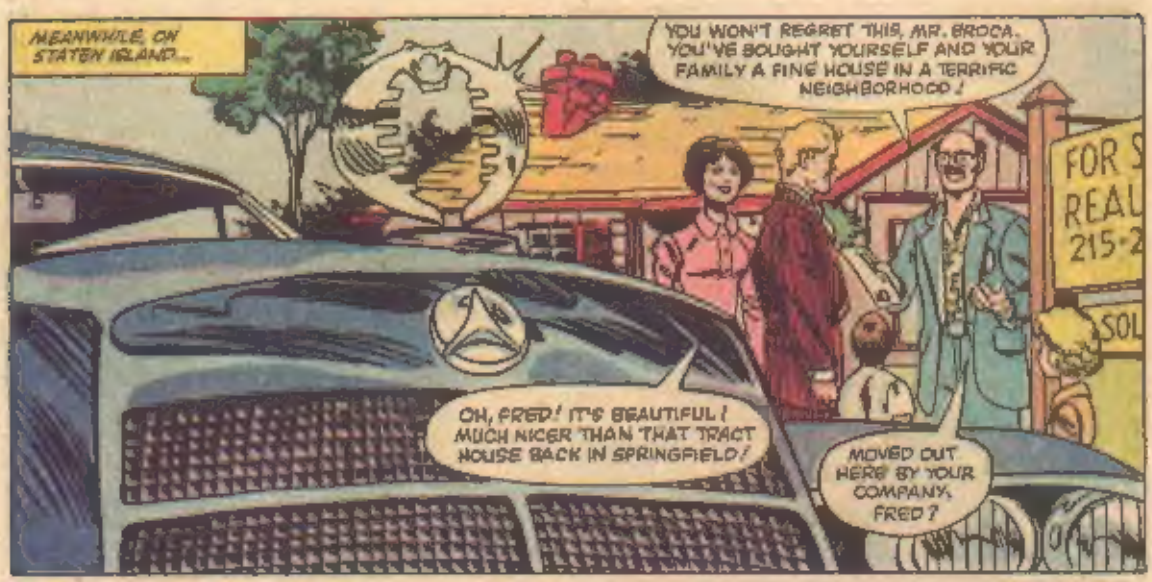
THAT WAS THE HEAD HONCHO OF THE G.I. JOE TEAM! I HEAR HE TURNED DOWN A STAR ON HIS SHOULDER BOARD TO STAY WITH THE UNIT!
NO KIDDIN'!

HAWK! GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT!
WE GOT A COUPLE O' WOUNDED DOGS JUST UP FROM FLORIDA!


SLOW DOWN, BOYS. I AIN'T IN NO HURRY TO TAKE A RIDE THROUGH [illegible]SEY IN A MEAT-WAGON. 'SIDES, I NEED TO JAW A BIT WITH THE "OLD MAN"...

WE LOST ANOTHER HELICOPTER, HAWK. BUT THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' LEFT OF COBRA'S FLORIDA OPERATION BUT A CHARRED STRETCH O' SWAMP!
UHHH... WELL DONE... UH, TROOPER...

TROOPER? YOU'D THINK HE DIDN'T KNOW YOUR NAME, WILD BILL...
MAN'S GOT A LOT ON HIS MIND...


MEANWHILE, ON STATEN ISLAND...
YOU WON'T REGRET THIS, MR. BROCA. YOU'VE BOUGHT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY A FINE HOUSE IN A TERRIFIC NEIGHBORHOOD!
OH, FRED! IT'S BEAUTIFUL! MUCH NICER THAN THAT TRACT HOUSE BACK IN SPRINGFIELD!
MOVED OUT HERE BY YOUR COMPANY, FRED?

YES, EXACTLY A STEP UP, YOU KNOW...
WELL, YOU'LL LOVE IT HERE. NICE AND QUIET. AND A CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANT SCHOOL NEXT DOOR. CAN'T BEAT THAT FOR RESPECTABILITY!

IN SPRINGFIELD...
-- YOU SAW WHAT? ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN, ZARTAN? MCGUIRE WAS THE POINT OF ORIGIN OF THE TRANSPORT PLANE THAT TOOK ME TO THE ROCKIES!*
* G.I. JOE #24 -- DEBUT

IN THE JERSEY MARSHLANDS...
COBRA COMMANDER THINKS THAT G.I. JOE HEADQUARTERS MAY BE HIDDEN SOMEWHERE ON MCGUIRE A.F.B.! HE WANTS US TO STICK AROUND AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE PLACE...
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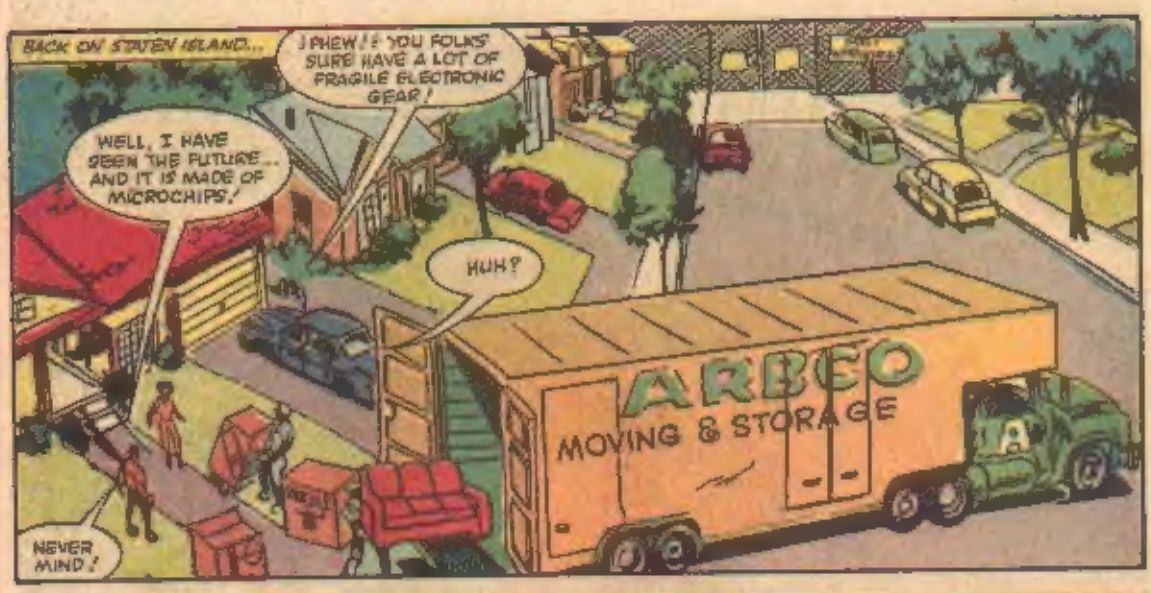
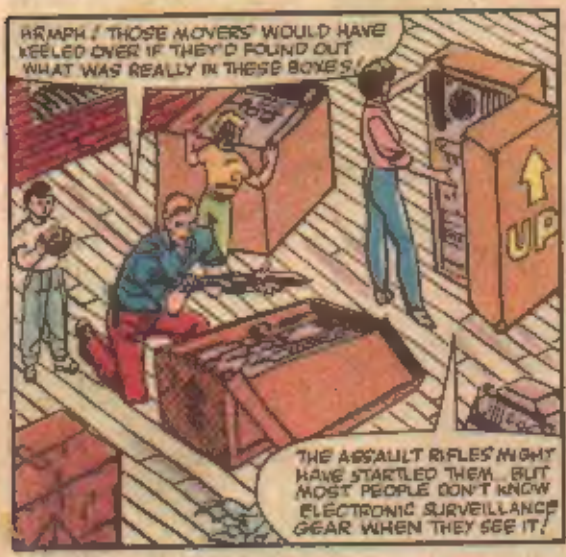
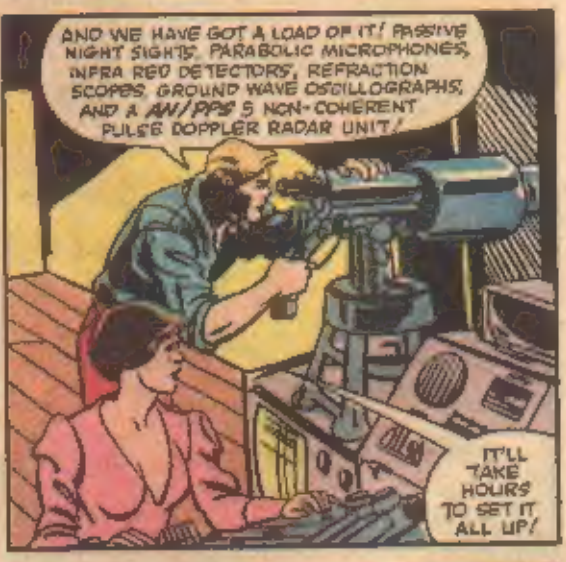
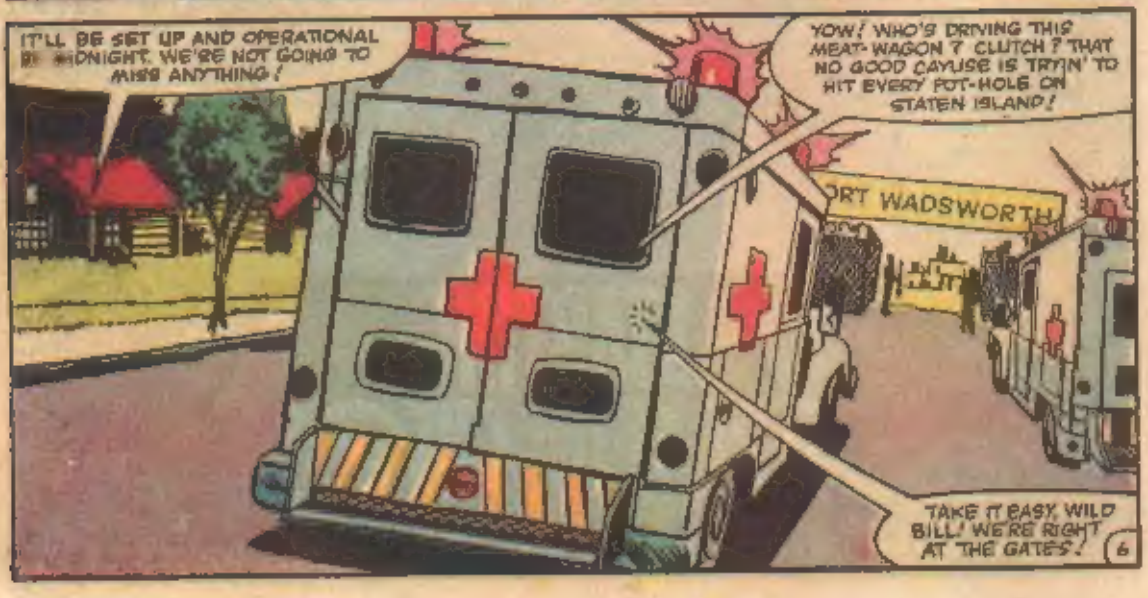
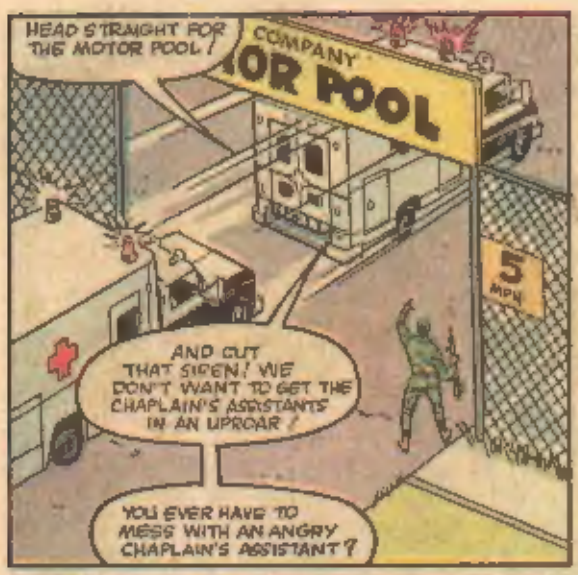
...SO WE'D BETTER GO ABOUT MAKING OURSELVES AT HOME!
'ERE? I MAY BE A RUDE-BOY AND A DIM ONE AT THAT, BUT I DON'T KIP * ON TYRE RACKS AND LOUNGE ABOUT ON HYDRAULIC LIFTS!
* SLEEP--ED
YOU SHOULDN'T OUGHTA 'TREAT YER DREADNOKS BAD, ZARTAN!
I DARESAY! MORE SUITABLE LODGINGS WOULD SEEM IN ORDER!
AND A 'FRIDGE! FULLA GRAPE SODA AN'-- AN' CHOCOLATE-COVERED DONUTS!!
HOME SICK, EH?
EASILY FIXED...
CLICK!
HOME SWEET HOME!

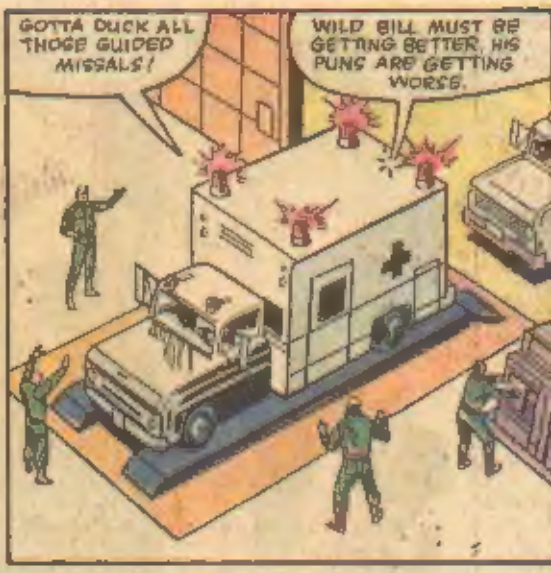

BACK ON STATEN ISLAND...
PHEW!! YOU FOLKS SURE HAVE A LOT OF FRAGILE ELECTRONIC GEAR!
WELL, I HAVE SEEN THE FUTURE... AND IT IS MADE OF MICROCHIPS!
HUH?
ARBCO
MOVING & STORAGE
NEVER MIND!

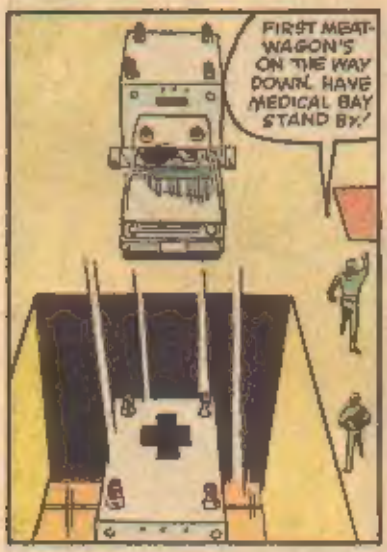

HRMPH! THOSE MOVERS WOULD HAVE KEELED OVER IF THEY'D FOUND OUT WHAT WAS REALLY IN THESE BOXES!
UP
THE ASSAULT RIFLES MIGHT HAVE STARTLED THEM. BUT MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE GEAR WHEN THEY SEE IT!


AND WE HAVE GOT A LOAD OF IT! PASSIVE NIGHT SIGHTS, PARABOLIC MICROPHONES, INFRA RED DETECTORS, REFRACTION SCOPES, GROUND WAVE OSCILLOGRAPHS, AND A AN/PPS 5 NON-COHERENT PULSE DOPPLER RADAR UNIT!
IT'LL TAKE HOURS TO SET IT ALL UP!


IT'LL BE SET UP AND OPERATIONAL BY MIDNIGHT. WE'RE NOT GOING TO MISS ANYTHING!
YOW! WHO'S DRIVING THIS MEAT-WAGON? CLUTCH? THAT NO GOOD CAYUSE IS TRYIN' TO HIT EVERY POT-HOLE ON STATEN ISLAND!
ORT WADSWORTH
TAKE IT EASY, WILD BILL! WE'RE RIGHT AT THE GATES!


HEAD STRAIGHT FOR THE MOTOR POOL!
COMPANY
OR POOL
5 MPH
AND CUT THAT SIREN! WE DON'T WANT TO GET THE CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANTS IN AN UPROAR!
YOU EVER HAVE TO MESS WITH AN ANGRY CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANT?


GOTTA DUCK ALL THOSE GUIDED MISSALS!
WILD BILL MUST BE GETTING BETTER, HIS PUNS ARE GETTING WORSE.

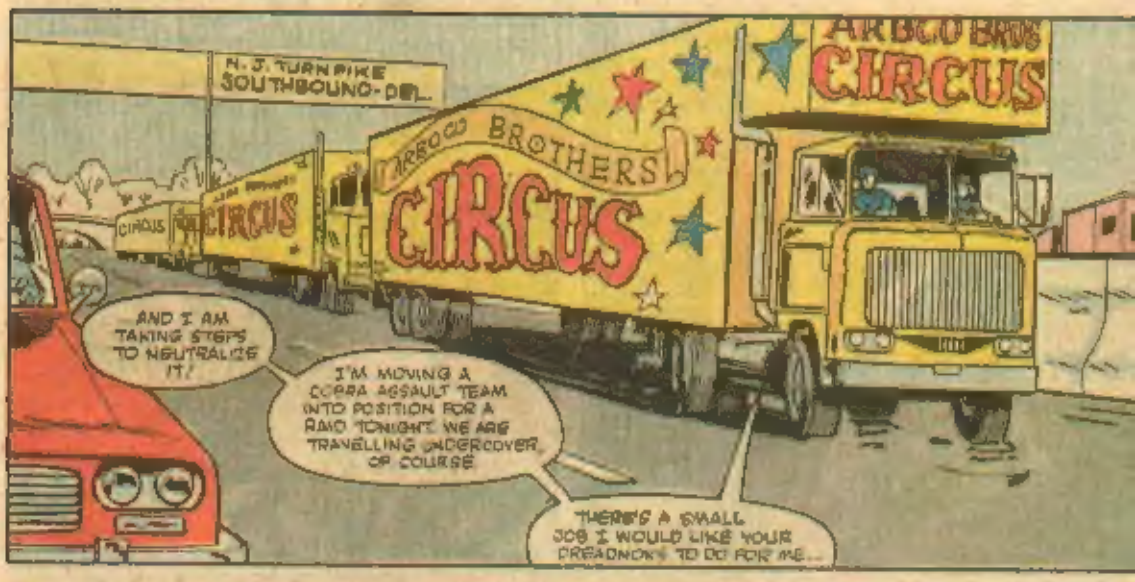

FIRST MEAT-WAGON'S ON THE WAY DOWN. HAVE MEDICAL BAY STAND BY!

ONE LEVEL DOWN, IN THE TRAINING AND STAGING AREA OF THE "NEW PIT."
LET'S GO! WE HAVE TO TRANSFER WILD BILL AND DEEP-SIX TO THE PERSONNEL ELEVATOR!

MOVE IT! THERE'S THREE MORE LEVELS DOWN TO THE MEDICAL BAY!
IT'S NICE TO KNOW MY BUDDIES CARE ABOUT ME...
NO WAY! WE JUST LAID DOWN ALL THIS NEW FLOOR TILE AND WE DON'T WANT YOU BLEEDING ALL OVER IT!

YOU GOT A LOT O' HEART, CLUTCH.
GET THAT OTHER ONE OUT HERE!

OPENING CEREMONIES WILL TAKE PLACE DURING TEAM FORMATION. NOBODY MISSES FORMATION IN MY OUTFIT!
HANK! HOW DO--?
I MUST BE DELIRIOUS. YOU'RE BACK AT McGUIRE FIELD! NOT MORE THAN TWENTY MINUTES AGO!
IMPOSSIBLE. HAWK'S BEEN HERE ALL DAY. WE'VE BEEN FEEDING THE COMPUTER THE NEW SECURITY PROGRAMS FOR HOURS AND HE HASN'T LEFT OUR SIGHT!
THEN WHO DID WILD BILL AND DOC SEE OUT AT McGUIRE?
MEANWHILE...
CARTAN, THIS IS COBRA COMMANDER -- DO YOU COPY?
READ YOU LOUD AND CLEAR. OVER.
I AM CONVINCED THAT McGUIRE FIELD IS THE LOCATION OF G.I. JOE HEADQUARTERS.


N. J. TURNPIKE SOUTHBOUND-DEL.
ARBCO BROS CIRCUS
ARBCO BROTHERS CIRCUS
AND I AM TAKING STEPS TO NEUTRALIZE IT!
I'M MOVING A COBRA ASSAULT TEAM INTO POSITION FOR A RAID TONIGHT. WE ARE TRAVELLING UNDERCOVER, OF COURSE.
THERE'S A SMALL JOB I WOULD LIKE YOUR DREADNOK'S TO DO FOR ME...

BACK IN SPRINGFIELD, IN THE OFFICES OF THE ARBCO BROS. CIRCUS...
SO THAT'S HOW THEY MOVE HISS TANKS AROUND THE COUNTRY! NOW IF I CAN ONLY GET MY HANDS ON THE COMPUTER ACCESS CODES FOR INTERNAL SECURITY...

--WHAT WOULD YOU DO, BILLY? TRY TO HARM OUR PRECIOUS COBRA COMMANDER? DO YOU HATE HIM THAT MUCH?

YOU KNOW THIS KID BARONESS?
INDEED I DO, MY DEAR MAJOR BLUDD. BILLY HAS AN ATTITUDE PROBLEM. HE RESENTS WHAT COBRA DID TO HIS FATHER. HE ALSO RESENTS WHAT WAS DONE TO HIM WHILE HE WAS A GUEST IN DR. VENOM'S DUNGEON!*
PERHAPS HE RESENTS COBRA ENOUGH TO JOIN OUR CAUSE!!?
G. I. JOE #10 -- DEMUX

IN THE JERSEY MARSHES...
...I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY, COBRA COMMANDER. THE BREADNOKS ARE TO RECON THE PER-METER FENCE AT MCGUIRE FIELD AND CUT THE FENCE NEAREST THE TOWER AT ZERO MINUS TEN!
LIVLY...
YOU HEARD THE ORDERS! AND DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY! COBRA COMMANDER IS A STICKLER FOR DETAIL!
IN STATEN ISLAND...
ALL SET AND READY TO SNOOP
RWWNG!
IF THERE'S ANY G. I. JOE ACTIVITY IN FORT WADSWORTH, THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CONCEAL IT FROM US!
HELLO, FRED BROCA SPEAKING -- WHAT? WHEN? WHY?! BACK TO SPRINGFIELD? BACK TO DRIVING THAT STUPID ICE-CREAM TRUCK AGAIN?!
FRED! WHAT--?
COBRA COMMANDER FOUND G.I. JOE HEADQUARTERS! ALL THE SIEGIES* HAVE BEEN RECALLED!
* C.G.'s = CRIMSON GUARDS -- Ed.
ARRRRRGGHH!
TEN HOURS IT TOOK TO SET UP THIS GEAR--
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FORT WADSWO
CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANTS SCHOOL
AND I DIDN'T EVEN GET A CHANCE TO TURN IT ON FOR ONE MINUTE!
NOW PASS AND I O
IT TOOK HAWK A FEW HOURS TO TRACK DOWN THE SENTRIES THAT WERE ON DUTY AT THE GATE WHEN THE FAKE "HAWK" ENTERED MCGUIRE THAT "GLOWING AND SHIMMERING" THEY REPORTED COULD HAVE BEEN THE SIDE EFFECTS OF A HOLOGRAPHIC PROJECTION
AND WE'VE BEEN GETTING REPORTS OF A NEW HOLOGRAPH C CAMO-FLAGE EXPERT WORKING FOR COBRA ZARTAN, HE CALLS HIMSELF!
MUST BE A PRETTY HEAVY GUY IF WE NEED ALL THIS STUFF TO TAKE HIM!
'ERE WE ARE, MATES! IT'S YOUR SHOW RIPPER--LET'S SEE WHAT THAT BLADE O' YOURS CAN DO!
MCGUIRE A.F.B.
CHAIN-LINK FENCE IS KIDS-STUFF! GIMME SUMPTHIN' HARD TO CUT WHY DON'CHA"!
THERE'S PLENTY ON THAT FIELD TO CUT BURN AND SAW
LET'S AVE A GO AT THE FUN STUFF!
I DARESAY ZARTAN TOLD US NOT TO--
WOT? YOU TURNIN' SISSY ON US?

WE CAN'T HAVE NO CANDY ANYS RIDING WITH THE DREDNOKS
DEAD ON OLD CHAP ZARTAN'S JUST A SPOIL SPORT
NOW YOU'RE TALKING LIKE A DREDNOKS, BUZZER!!
WE'LL JUST SNEAK AROUND BACK OF THE TOWER
AND AS LONG AS WE DON'T START A FIRE OR BLOW SOMETHIN UP, THEY'LL NEVER KNOW WE WUZ HERE!
GOOD SHOW I, START ON THIS HELICOPTER
THAT WAS TOO EASY!
GOR THEY DON'T MAKE CARS THE WAY THEY USED TO
FLIP
CRUNCH
I SAY! ZARTAN SAID COBRA COMMANDER WAS A STICKER FOR DETAIL! I'VE JUST DETAILED THIS PLANE!
DETAIL? OH TAIL! I GET IT HAR!!

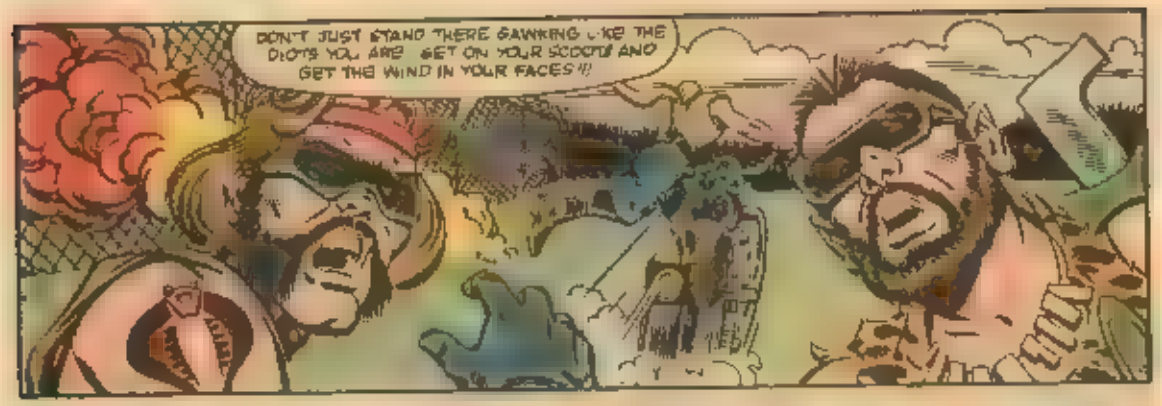
WE'RE MOVING A LOT OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT ON RATHER FLIMSY EVIDENCE HAWK
BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY
IN NEW JERSEY
UNLOAD THE M1SS TANKS AND SNAP HEL COPTERS
THEY ARE TO STAND BY TO COVER WITHDRAWAL OF THE INSERTION UNIT. THEY ARE NOT TO ENGAGE TARGETS OR MOVE FROM THE R DEPLOYMENT POINT
OUR LAST ACTION AGAINST G I JOE HEADQUARTERS WAS A DIRECT FRONTAL ASSAULT WHICH WAS WASTEFUL AND COSTLY THIS TIME WE'LL TRY A COVERT WAY THE QUIET WAY

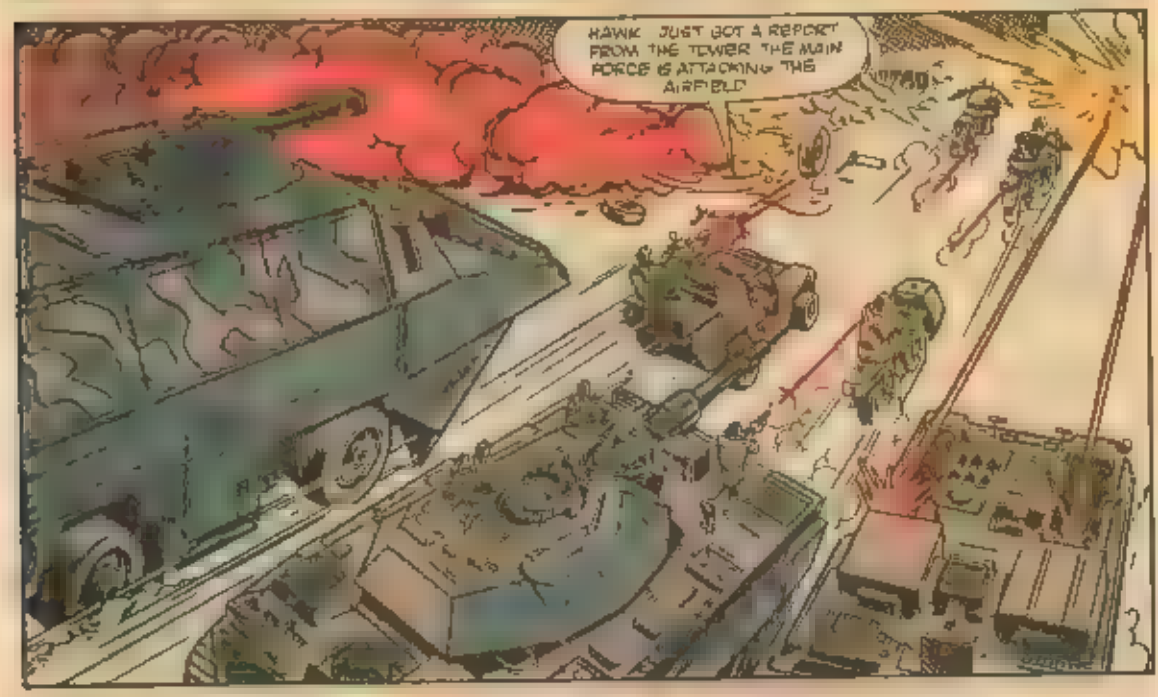
HAVE THE SAPPERS MINE THE HOLE IN THE FENCE LEFT FOR US BY THE DREADNOKS
THIS SHOULD DETER ANYONE FOLLOWING US ON OUR WAY OUT
MEANWHILE ON THE FIELD
ET WATCH IT BLIZZER DON'T BE SLICIN THROUGH THAT JOBO STRUT, OR--
WHOOM
--THE WHOLE PLANE'LL COME CRASHIN DOWN
GET BACK SHE'S GONNA
BLOW!!
ONE OF THE SKY-STRIKERS JUST BLEW UP
RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE G.I JOE SECURITY AREA
SOUND RED ALERT! HIT THE DIRECT WIRE TO THE PIT

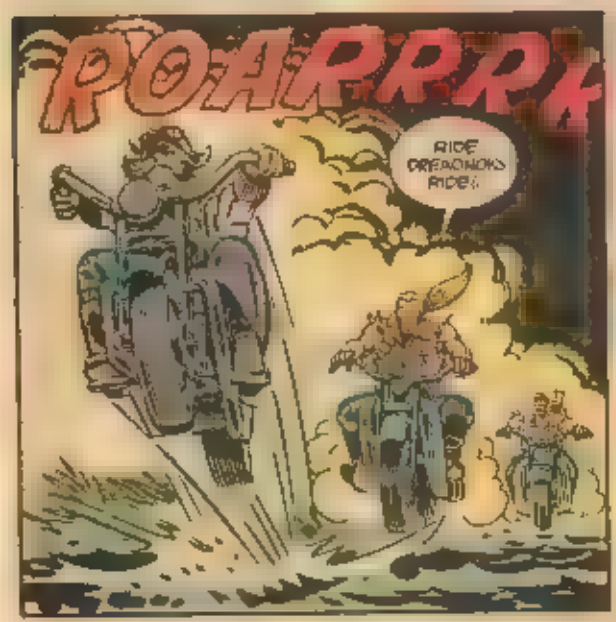
THE WHOLE FIELD IS EXPLODING! THEY'VE BEEN ALERTED!
THAT BLOWS OUR COVERT INFILTRATION BUT GOOD!!
CECELIA! WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THEM THE HARD WAY!
CHARGE! TAKE THE TOWER FIRST!

VEHICLES APPROACHING AT TOP SPEED, COBRA COMMANDER.
CAN YOU IDENTIFY THEM?
YES! THEY'RE--
DREADNOKS!
WHAT WERE THEY DOING ON THE BASE? THEY WERE JUST SUPPOSED TO CUT THE FENCE AND LEAVE
YOU'RE GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION! HEY!
THOSE FOOLS WENT INSIDE AND BLEW SOMETHING UP! THEY'RE THE ONES THAT BOTCHED MY PLAN
LET THEM GO. I'LL DEAL WITH THEM LATER. TAKE THE TOWER
THINK WE SHOULD GO BACK AND GIVE 'EM A HAND?
WOT? AND GET SWATTED ACROSS THE TARMAC? NO THANKS, MATE!

BESIDES WHICH BY GOING BACK AN HELPIN WE INCREASES COBRA COMMANDER'S HANDLES
AND WE'RE ONLY REALLY IN TROUBLE IF HE GETS OUT ALL ALL REALLY RATHER
WHU HEAR THAT WHISTLING SOUND?
NOOMING ROCKETS
VOOSH!
VOOSH!
VOOSH!
THERE'S THREE OF THEM HAWK ON MOTORCYCLES
TRAP 'EM BETWEEN US AND THE FENCE


DON'T JUST STAND THERE GAWKING LIKE THE IDIOTS YOU ARE! GET ON YOUR SCOOTS AND GET THE WIND IN YOUR FACES!!


HAWK JUST GOT A REPORT FROM THE TOWER THE MAIN FORCE IS ATTACKING THE AIRFIELD!


ROARRRR
RIDE DREADNOKS RIDE!

LET THEM GO! HEAD IN FOR THE TOWER AND INTERDICT THE MAIN FORCE.
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THAT'S IT! DON'T BOTHER RANGING JUST WALK YOUR ROUNDS INTO THE TOWER!
RATATATATAT
RATATATATATA
THEY'LL CUT THE TOWER IN TWO ANY SECOND!
WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO STOP THEM!
HIT THEM WITH THE SEARCHLIGHT BEAMS
ARRRGH!
TOO BRIGHT! KNOCK OUT THOSE LAMPS!
I'LL COVER YOU! MAKE A PASS AT THE TOWER!
ROGER! SCRATCH ONE TOWER!
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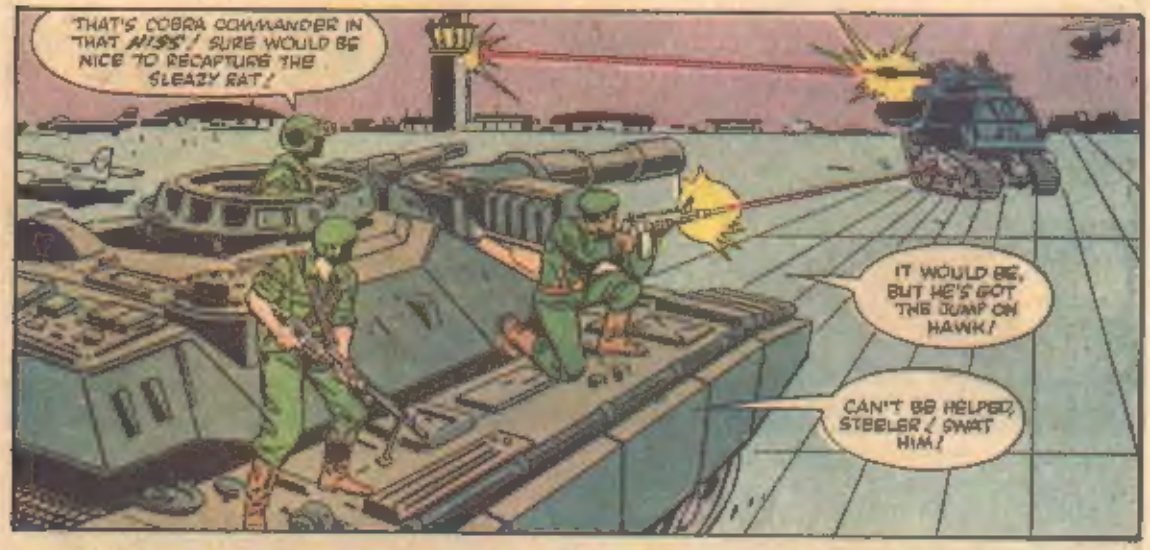
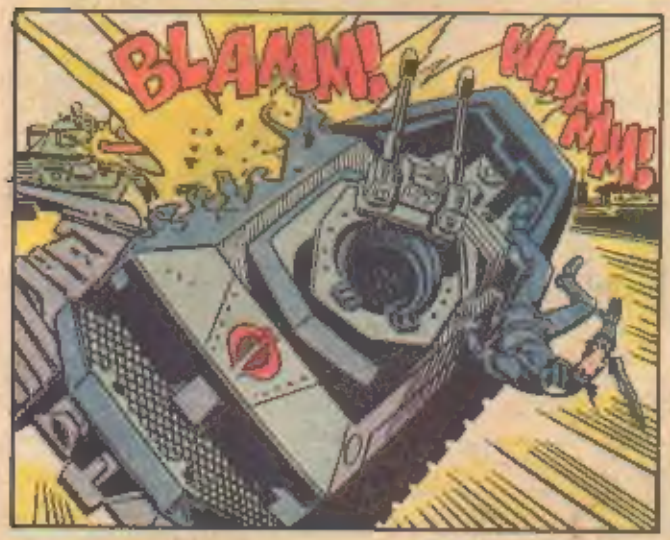
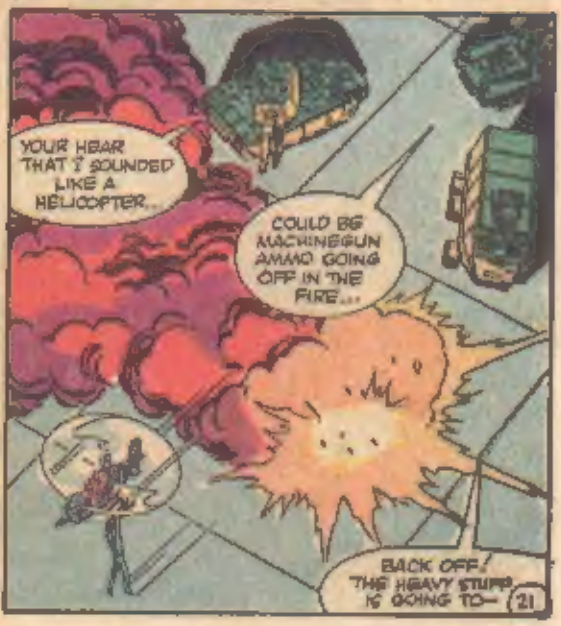
HELICOPTER! HE'S SHOOTING OUT THE LIGHTS!
NO! HE'S JUST LINING US UP--
--TO LAUNCH HIS ROCKETS!
KA-BLAMM!
GOOD SHOT, CLUTCH!
ALMOST AS GOOD AS THE SHOT STEELER MADE THAT DISINTEGRATED ONE OF THE HISS TANKS!
MUST'VE HAPPENED WHILE I WAS AIMING--
HERE COMES THE OTHER HISS!
RATATATATATAT!

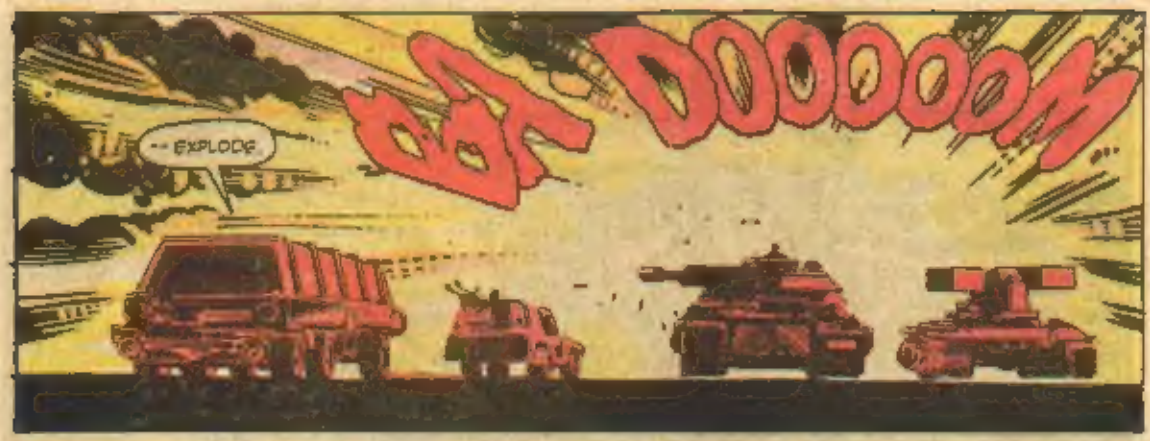

THAT'S COBRA COMMANDER IN THAT HISS! I SURE WOULD BE NICE TO RECAPTURE THE SLEAZY RAT!
IT WOULD BE, BUT HE'S GOT THE JUMP ON HAWK!
CAN'T BE HELPED, STEELER! SWAT HIM!


BLAMM!
WHAMM!

! POP! SKRITCH! SWITCH TO HELMET FREQUENCY! COME IN FOR ME UNDER COVER OF THE SMOKE!

NOW... STAY LOW AND KEEP THE FLAME AND PLUME FROM THE BURNING HISS BETWEEN US AND THE JOES!!


YOUR HEAR THAT I SOUNDED LIKE A HELICOPTER...
COULD BE MACHINEGUN AMMO GOING OFF IN THE FIRE...
BACK OFF! THE HEAVY STUFF IS GOING TO—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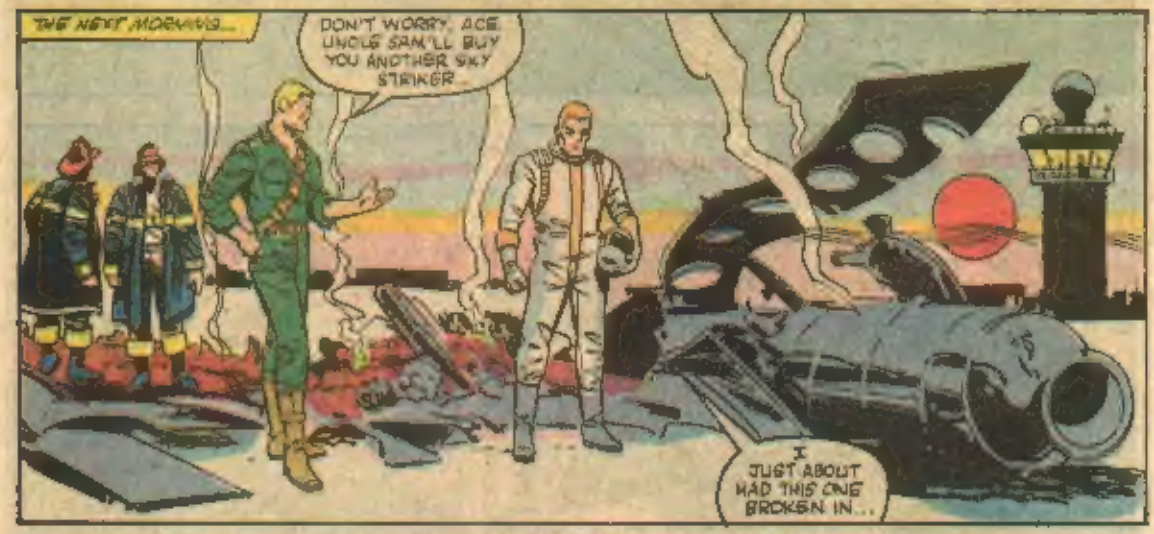
KA-DOOOOOM


THE NEXT MORNING...
DON'T WORRY, ACE UNCLE SAM'LL BUY YOU ANOTHER SKY STRIKER
I JUST ABOUT HAD THIS ONE BROKEN IN...

WELL, WE MADE IT, CASTRO. WHEN DO WE START GETTING OUR REVENGE AGAINST COBRA COMMANDER?
WE START BY FINDING A PHONE BOOTH AND REPORTING IN TO COBRA CENTRAL IN SPRINGFIELD

WHAT? LET COBRA COMMANDER KNOW WE ESCAPED FROM FLORIDA?
YES. WE MUST CONVINCE HIM THAT NOTHING IS WRONG. HE MUST BELIEVE WE ARE IGNORANT OF HIS TREACHERY!
THEN, WHEN HIS GUARD IS DOWN, AND HE LEAST EXPECTS IT...
...WE STRIKE!
6 WILL FALL!

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